

AUGUSTA STONE CHURCH, FORT DEFIANCE "8 MILES FROM" STAUNTON, VA.



OLD STONE CHURCH
FORT DEFIANCE, VA.

This ancient edifice, known officially as Augusta Church and located on the Valley Pike eight miles north of Staunton, is the oldest Presbyterian House of worship west of the Blue Ridge. It was erected between 1740 and 1747, and the congregation was evidently organized prior to 1737. After Braddock's defeat by the French and Indians in July, 1755, a fort was built about the church. The worshipers carried their guns to church and the fort was accordingly named Fort Defiance. The original church stands, but it was enlarged in 1921-22.



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